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RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES
(37 CFR §1.146)

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Regarding the request for election of species, Species A is elected. Please note that as discussed in the Response of September 3, 2003, Figs. 1-2 and Fig. 3 are indeed different species. However, the "species" of Figs. 5-10 are really in the nature of subassemblies that can be used in conjunction with the assemblies of the species of Figs. 1-2 / Fig. 3. Thus, as noted in the September 3, 2003 Response, species A:

- directly encompasses claims 1-6 and 19-20;
- encompasses (in conjunction with the dividing unit of Fig. 4) claims 7-8;
- encompasses (in conjunction with the roll racks of Figs. 5-10) claims 9-18 (and wherein claims 13-14 also encompass the dividing unit of Fig. 4). Note that claim 10 encompasses the species of Figs. 7-8 and Figs. 9-10, but excludes the species of Figs. 5-6; and claim 11 encompasses the species of Figs. 9-10, but excludes the species of Figs. 5-6 and Figs. 7-8.

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